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1. THERE ARE MANY PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH INVITING HIGH-RANKING GUESTS TO THE US DURING THE LATE JUNE PERIOD OF THE SACLANT SYMPOSIUM. FRANKLY, THE SYMPOSIUM, SINCE IT INVOLVES HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS, COMES AT AN INOPPORTUNE TIME, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE NATO MINISTERIALS AND AT
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A TIME WHEN CSCE WILL PROBABLY BE DEMANDING MUCH HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION. WE ARE THEREFORE NEGATIVE AS TO POSSIBILITY OF ANY WASHINGTON ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SYMPOSIUM.

2. TRANSPORTATION IS EQUALLY VEXING, AS MISSION IS AWARE, LAST YEAR WE WORKED OUT AN ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY THE USG AGREED TO PAY TRANSPORTATION COSTS FOR THE SYG WHEN HE IS IN THE US, BUT NOT FOR TRANS- ATLANTIC TRAVEL. FURTHER, WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO OFFER TRANS- ATLANTIC TRANSPORTATION TO PERMREPS AND IT IS UNLIKELY THAT WE COULD OFFER MORE THAN MINIMAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE US. HOWEVER, WE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT UK HAS

OFFERED TO PROVIDE TRANS- ATLANTIC TRANSPORTATION. T, ASSIST, PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION IF REQUESTED. COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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